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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS OVER ONE BILLION DOLLAR
EXPENDITURE IN 1977, AND LARGER EXPENDITURES IN FUTURE

1. THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY REPORTED ON JULY 4, 1977
THAT EXPENDITURES ON CIVIL AVIATION PROJECTS FOR 1977
WILL TOTAL SR 4,370 MILLION (\$1.24 BILLION). OF THE
TOTAL, SR 250 MILLION WILL BE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
AIR FREIGHT FACILITIES AT JIDDA, RIYADH AND DHAHRAN
AIRPORTS. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SIZEABLE EXPANSIONS
ON MAINTENANCE, DEVELOPMENT AND REFURBISHING OF AIRPORT
EQUIPMENT.

2. QUOTING SHEIKH ABDULLAH AL MAHDI, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL
AVIATION, THE REPORT STATED THAT MUCH OF THE ABOVE FUNDS
WOULD BE EXPENDED ON PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY SUCH AS
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW JIDDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AND ENGINEERING FOR THE NEW RIYADH AIRPORT.

3. AS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS, SHEIKH ABDULLAH STATED
THAT THE KINGDOM PLANS TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE FIVE
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YEAR PLAN PROGRAM WHICH CALLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THIRTEEN AIRPORTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGEST AIR-
CRAFTS. BY THE END OF THE PLAN HE ALLEGES THAT SAUDI
ARABIA WILL HAVE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF TWENTY-
FOUR NEW AIRPORTS. A STUDY IS REPORTEDLY UNDER
WAY COVERING MAJOR AIRPORTS AT TABUK AND TAIF IN

ADDITION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORTS IN THE NORTHERN
AND WESTERN REGIONS.

4. U.S. FIRMS MANUFACTURING AIRFIELD AND AIR TERMINAL
EQUIPMENT ARE WELCOME TO SEND BROCHURES AND OTHER
LITERATURE TO THE EMBASSY FOR DISSEMINATION TO LOCAL
FIRMS. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN MORE SPECIFIC
DETAILS AND REPORT TRADE AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
ON AD HOC BASIS.
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